

October 31, 2021

**Announcements**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**  
Tripp Yancey

**Opening Prayer**  
Chase Chapman (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Brad McAlister (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Ricky Cissom

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey (11/03/21)

### OUR RECORD

**October 24, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 95  
Sunday Morning Worship: 105  
Sunday Evening Worship: 80  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 79

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### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## If Jesus Couldn't- Why do we think we can? David Shannon

We often struggle to find ways to bring a loved one back to the Lord once they are engrossed in worldliness. We think there must be something I can say or do that will make them return. I need to learn this rule of thumb; you can't help someone until they want to be helped. Do you realize that even Jesus can't help someone who doesn't want to be helped? When Jesus talked to the rich young ruler whose possessions were separating him from God, he was told what he needed to do, but he walked away sorrowful from Jesus (Matthew 19:22). Why didn't Jesus make him turn his life around? Jesus walked with Judas, lived among him and was betrayed by him. Jesus couldn't make him do right.

We are placing a huge weight upon our shoulders which we cannot bear with peace if we think it is our place to make someone change their life. We can't. If Jesus couldn't - why would I think I could?

What we can do is allow their conscience to work on them (Hebrews 10:22). We can also live right before them to allow our righteousness to serve as a reminder of God (1 Peter 3:1-2). We can leave it up to God. God promises to chastise those He loves (Hebrews 12:3-11). We can pray for them. We must balance these principles with Galatians 6:1 where we are commanded to restore an erring brother. Also, James 5:20 speaks of us turning a brother from his sin. We must make direct and prayerful efforts to restore our brothers when they fall, but we must also realize we have our limits. We can't help someone who doesn't want help. This is a time for us to do all we can and then place it in God's hands.

Perhaps you have read Isaiah 40:28-31 many times. Have you ever considered its comfort as we prayerfully wait for a loved one to return to God? "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

As you wait for God's chastising to prick the conscience of your loved one, pray, encourage without nagging, and mount up with wings like eagles. There is much good to do. There is much we can't do. Let's find peace with all this and walk and not faint.

## BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL Mark Lindley

If you were asked to list some of the most important characteristics of a child of God, which characteristics would you list? Many of us would quickly affirm that a child of God is one who attends worship services faithfully, gives to the church generously, and is pure in morals. These are qualities which should not be minimized, because they certainly are vital. However, when Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of His day about the qualities they needed to demonstrate, He said they had omitted the “the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith” (Matthew 23:23).

Perhaps mercy is one of the most under-rated qualities of God’s children, and yet it is one that is so desperately needed. Jesus said, “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7). The Lord’s statement makes it obvious that those who hope to obtain mercy must show it to others.

A good one-word definition of mercy is “compassion.” To demonstrate mercy is “to help one who is afflicted or seeking aid.” Mercy is “compassion in action,” and the world is full of people who need compassion. Christians need to show mercy to those who are sick. Remember the words of Jesus: “I was sick, and ye visited me” (Matthew 25:36).

We hear of so many who are sick with various illnesses and diseases that we may become less compassionate and inattentive to their needs, but if we or a loved one has ever been very sick or in the hospital for a lengthy stay, we will always remember those who showed compassion by phone calls, sending cards, giving money, or simply stopping by for a brief visit.

Christians should show mercy to the suffering. Suffering may be caused by the death of a loved one, family and marriage problems, financial set-backs, or loneliness. Paul instructs Christians to suffer with other church members who suffer (I Corinthians 12:26), and to “do good unto all men” (Galatians 6:10). Opportunities abound for Christians to show compassion for those who are suffering.

Christians should also show mercy to those ensnared in sin. Jesus did not condemn a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery; rather, He said, “Go, and sin no more” (John 8:11). He identified the woman’s adultery as “sin,” but he was willing to extend mercy and forgive. Jesus also taught that if one has been sinned against personally—even seven times in one day—and the sinner repents, then the one sinned against is to forgive (Luke 17:3-4).

On the final Day of Judgment, all who read these words will desire mercy. That sobering thought should inspire us all to show mercy to the sick, suffering, and to those entangled in sin. Only the merciful....will receive mercy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pine Vale Children’s Home

Fifth Sunday Contribution- All of **October 31,2021** Contribution will be given to Pine Vale Children's Home to honor **Brother Eural and Sister Ola Wade** for their love , dedication and work for Pine Vale which they started in 1970.

### CHAPMAN’S TRUNK-R TREAT & HOTDOG ROAST October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your  
blessings, pray for our lost ones,  
the sick, the world and the  
broken-hearted.

**SICK SUNDAY:** Dala Vandygriff, Sharon  
Pannell, Pat Shackelford, Eli Carter, Tate  
Presley

**REHAB:** Michelle Bellew

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Amy Staggs,  
Mickey Chandler

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick,  
Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom,  
George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise  
Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Lori Duke, Billy  
McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall,  
Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt’s Mother),  
Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,  
Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs,  
Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-  
Omotesa

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